

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial No.	<b>10/734,021</b>	Confirmation No.	<b>: 8625</b>
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First Named Inventor	<b>Hidetoshi AOKI</b>	Examiner	<b>: Peter D. Mulcahy</b>
Customer No.	<b>22469</b>	Docket No.	<b>: Hokushin-6</b>
Title:	<b>Moderately Resistive Rubber Composition and Rubber Member</b>		

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated 3 October 2006. No fee is believed necessary.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.

Please amend the above-identified application without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter as follows: